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SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE APPROVES ALLARD REQUEST FOR \$6.4 MILLION IN MILITARY CONSTRUCTION FUNDING FOR GREELEY, COLORADO

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) announced on Thursday that, by his request, the Senate Armed Services Committee has authorized \$6.4 million in funding for the 137th Space Warning Squadron (SWS), based at the Greeley Air National Guard Station in Colorado, as part of the FY 2006 Defense Authorization Bill.

"I am pleased that the Armed Services Committee has included this critical funding for the space mission performed by our Colorado Air National Guard," said Senator Allard. "This funding will replace the 137th Space Warning Squadron's aging facility so that they can continue their world-wide support of Air Force space missions."

The 137th SWS provides missile warning and space launch information using data received from military satellites. Unlike other units, the 137th SWS is also completely mobile, allowing the Air Force to access this critical defense information both in Greeley and in field conditions around the world.

"I look forward to the Defense Authorization Bill coming to the Senate floor so that we can approve this and other military construction projects important to Colorado," added Senator Allard.

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